REMARKS

In view of the above-listed amendments and the remarks to follow, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and early allowance of this application.

Claims 1-54 were pending in this application. Claims 2 and 27 have been canceled.

Claims 1, 26, and 51-54 have been amended in order to particularly indicate that the systems and methods generate a description based at least in part on a stored template.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-5, 7, 9-16, 18, 20, 22-30, 32, 34-41, 43, 45, 47-50, and 51-54 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,356,903 (hereinafter "Baxter").

The Examiner rejected claims 6, 8, 31, and 33 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Baxter in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,421,675 (hereinafter "Ryan").

The Examiner's rejections are respectfully traversed.

Independent claims 1, 26, and 51-54 are directed to various methods and systems for generating a description of a web site. Each of the independent claims has been amended in order to incorporate the features of dependent claims 2 and 27. Claims 1, 26, and 51-54, as amended, include the feature that the systems and methods generate a description based at least in part on one of the templates that is stored.

In rejecting dependent claims 2 and 27, the Examiner contended that Baxter discloses a method in which a web document is based on a template and is assembled by a system. The Examiner contended, on this basis, that Baxter anticipated applicants' claims 2 and 27. The Examiner contended that a "complete set . . . of content, organizational components and form components" is a "description." The Examiner contended further that a system that assembles a web page is a "description generator."

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Applicants respectfully submit that Baxter does not generate a description of a web page based upon a template, as required by applicants' claims. Rather, the system of Baxter operates in exactly the opposite manner. The system of Baxter is used to analyze web pages in order to generate a template and outline for each web page. "During the analysis, the following components will be identified for each document: Outline and associated Template; Sections and associated Style Group/Style; and Content."

In Baxter, web pages are input into the system, which analyzes the pages and breaks them down into documents and borders. "Each document and border is analyzed to generate an outline and a template" (col. 14, lines 22-24). The outline organizes the content of the page, and the template organizes the style and appearance of the page. The analysis of a web site and creation of these components of a website enable the modification, revision, and updating capabilities of the Baxter system. So-called "triggers" are added to the outline and template of a web site in order to facilitate automatic management of the site.

Applicants respectfully submit that Baxter describes a system for analyzing and storing data for a web site in order to update, revise, and modify that site. However, applicants respectfully submit that Baxter fails to show or suggest a system for generating a description of a web page based upon a stored template, as required by applicants' claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1, 26, and 51-54 are patentable over Baxter for at least the foregoing reasons. Dependent claims 3-25, and 28-50 depend from independent claims 1 and 26, respectively, and are patentable at least because claims 1 and 26 are patentable.

In the event that the Examiner disagrees with any of the foregoing comments concerning the disclosures in the cited prior art, it is requested that the Examiner indicate where, in the reference, there is a basis for a contrary view.

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In view of the foregoing remarks it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable over the prior art. Early and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

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